REMARKS

Applicant notes the allowance of claims 9-11.

To expedite prosecution, claim 8 has been cancelled and claims 2 and 3 have been amended to depend on allowed independent claim 9. Entry of the amendment is in order because it does not require consideration of new issues or a new search. Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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